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FORMER REGIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR SENTENCED ON
FEDERAL THEFT AND WITNESS TAMPERING CHARGES

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that defendant David C. Wilson was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Dublin, Georgia by U.S. District Judge Dudley H. Bowen on January 26, 2006. Wilson, the former Director of the Ocmulgee Regional Library System, was sentenced to 48 months incarceration, a fine of \$75,000 and three years supervised release. Wilson was also ordered to pay restitution to the Ocmulgee Regional Library System in the amount of \$264,298.69.

Wilson was charged with five counts of theft from a program receiving federal funds and one count of witness tampering. It is established that Wilson stole more than \$5,000 in four separate one year periods between July 1, 2000, and May 31, 2004 and stole a \$6200 Bobcat lawnmower. The witness tampering charge stems from a May 9, 2004 conversation with a potential government witness in which Wilson instructed him not to tell the truth. Wilson was found guilty on all counts in October 2005.

This case was investigated by the Dublin Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, both out of its Eastman Resident Agency and Financial Investigative Unit in Atlanta, and the Cochran Police Department. Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph D. Newman and Fred W. Kramer prosecuted the case for the government.

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